

The construction and necessary preparatory works, could then be let to contractors in different portions; and the superintendent of public works should have a general supervision of all the expenditures, and receive a compensation sufficient to command his efficient services. Some such arrangement as this, will be necessary, whether the State undertakes any enterprize alone, or in connection with private stockholders. If the State should embark in any extensive system of Internal Improvement, it may be necessary to increase the efficiency of the Board, by adding some member to it who could devote more attention to it than the public treasurer, whose time must necessarily be taken up with the duties of his office.

The accompanying report of the superintendent of public works, contains all the information in possession of the Board relative to the condition of the Clubfoot and Harlow's Creek Canal, the Plymouth Turnpike Road, the Tar, Neuse and Yadkin River Navigation Companies; and the annexed reports marked A, B, C, and D, from the Cape-Fear and Roanoke Navigation Companies, the Clubfoot and Harlow's Creek Canal Company, and the Buncombe Turnpike Company, exhibit a full view of the condition of each of those corporations. No other reports have been received by the Board; if any should arrive during the session of the General Assembly, they will be communicated without delay.